

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a washing machine to prevent siphoning, the method comprising the steps of:
 - sensing a ~~current~~ level of water ~~remaining~~ in the washing machine;
 - ~~discharging~~ draining, if the sensed water level exceeds a first predetermined water level,
the ~~remaining~~ water from the washing machine ~~if the sensed water level exceeds a predetermined substantive amount~~ to at least a level where siphoning of the water through a drain of the washing machine cannot occur;
 - ~~re-supplying water to the washing machine upon~~ after determining that ~~said water discharging step has been completed~~ the water level is at least at the level where siphoning of the water through the drain of the washing machine cannot occur; and
 - executing a washing step when a second predetermined water level is reached ~~by said water re-supplying step, wherein the first predetermined water level is less than the second predetermined water level.~~
2. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a washing machine, comprising steps of:
 - (a) sensing an initial level of water ~~remaining~~ in the washing machine;
 - (b) storing in a memory a value indicative of the sensed initial water level if the sensed initial water level exceeds a predetermined substantive amount and executing a first water supplying step;
 - (c) discharging the ~~remaining~~ water from the washing machine, executing a second water supplying step, and sensing a current water level if the sensed initial water level is less than the predetermined substantive amount;
 - (d) determining a water level variation based on the sensed current water level and the stored value;

(e) repeating said step (c) if the determined water level variation continues to be less than a predetermined value for a first predetermined time period;

(f) displaying an internal error if the determined water level variation continues to be less than the predetermined value after a predetermined number of repetitions of said step (e); and

(g) executing a user-selected washing step if the determined water level variation exceeds the predetermined value.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of executing the user-selected washing step if the sensed current water level reaches a desired level.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the discharging of said step (c) is achieved by draining the remaining water from the washing machine for a second predetermined time period.

5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the second predetermined time period is at least twenty seconds.

6. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first predetermined time period is substantively five minutes.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the predetermined number of repetitions is less than four.